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PETITION

Presented unto the

Honourable the House of Commons

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT:

the 15. of September, 1647.

By divers well affected Inhabitants of London, Burrough of Southwarke and places Adjacent.

For removing out of the House all persons who sate in the late pretended Parliament, and Voted for raising a new War, &c.

When the true Parliament was driven away by Force.

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TO

The Honourable the Commons in PARLIAMENT Assembled.

The humble Petition of divers well-affected Citizens of London and others,

Sheweth,

THat as it is impoſsible for any people to be ſafe and happy whilſt their ſupream Councel is mixed and compoſed of perſons directly oppoſite to juſt and equal Government.

Our late woful experience doth ſadly witneſs; even ſo do we at preſent deſpaire of any effectual good from this honourable Houſe, whilſt uſurpers of Parliamentary Authority, and men of tyrannous and treacherous diſpoſitions remain therein.

And it is very much to our griefe, that any true member of Parliament ſhould either ſit with them, or permit them to Vote in the affaires of the Commonwealth, and we were hopefull the urgent importunity of the Army and other well-affected people, and the juſtneſs of their deſires would before this time have prevailed to their utter expulſion, otherwiſe we had not been thus long

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wanting to juſtice and the ſafety of this Nation, but had ſpeedily made known our deſires therein to have been the ſame with theirs.

But obſerving it to be ſtil deferred, and knowing all delayes of this nature to be full of danger, and that God may juſtly give us up to their malice, if this opportunity given by him ſhould be neglected, we are conſtrained to beſeech you not to let paſs this ſeaſon of his goodneſs, nor to provoke him further by joyning with thoſe his Enemies (whom he hath put into your hands for Juſtice) but immediatly declare all thoſe to be culpable in the higheſt nature againſt the Freedom and Peace of this Nation, who having ſate in the late pretended Parliament ſhall after this day preſume to enter the doores of this

House before they shal have given satisfaction concerning their sitting at Westminster during the absence of the Speaker, and shall have acquitted themselves by sufficient evidence that they did not procure or give their consent unto any of those pretended Votes, Orders and Ordinances tending to the raising or levying of War, or for the King coming forthwith to London; All other ways of purging the House being in our apprehension delatory and destructive: We also intreat you to consider whether it be not necessary to secure the persons of the more violent amongst them, there being great cause to fear that time will be wasted as formerly, as evil and destructive things wil be effected, trading lost, burthens increased, Delinquents presume and New War contrived if this be any longer deferred.

And therefore we most earnestly intreat you to take no other businesse into your Consideration until this be throughly and effectually done.

And we shal pray, &c.

This Petition being presented to the Honourable the House of Commons, on wednesday the 15 of September with much confidence to have an effectuall Answer thereof, which will give much satisfaction to the whole Kingdome. ¶ if any Answear was given to it.